

At the January 4th 2010 Board of Education meeting, Dr. Ada Grabowski announced that she will be retiring on June 30th 2010, concluding 18 years of distinguished service with the Albion Central School District. Dr. Grabowski is the ninth superintendent to serve in Albion since the first Union Free School was organized in 1876.

Board of Education members were very busy during the month of January interviewing firms to assist them with their responsibility for selecting the next Superintendent of Schools. While the Board understands that they are ultimately responsible for the selection, they are unified in their desire to engage District Stakeholders for input regarding the skills, character traits and values which are most desired in our next School Leader.

During a special Board of Education meeting on January 23rd, The Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester was selected to assist in the search process. The principle team members are Dr. Stephen Uebbing, former superintendent of the Canandaigua City School District with 23 years as a superintendent and Mr. Timothy McElheran, former superintendent of the Victor School District with 14 years as a superintendent. Their team will spend time with groups representing the school and the community in an attempt to understand what the District values and what skills and experiences are most desirable in a candidate.

The team has developed an invitational brochure for advertising the position. The brochure is a brief introduction about the Albion Central School District along with procedures for completing an application for the opening. This team is responsible for developing the application and advertising in a number of venues including professional associations, colleges and universities. They will also be sending personal letters to superintendents and BOCES superintendents to encourage quality candidates to apply.

In keeping with the Boards desire for stakeholder input, the team has developed a Survey that residents are encouraged to complete. Hard copies of the survey are available and can be sent to any resident by calling 589-2056 to make the request. Data from the survey will be used to assist the Board in the decision making process.

If you would like the opportunity to dialogue directly with the team members, please join us for an open forum at the Ronald Sodoma Elementary School cafeteria on February 25th at 7:00p.m.